

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1899.

Dr. D. K. Tuttle,

Melter and Refiner United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

You are hereby authorized and requested to visit the Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of making an examination of the methods employed at that institution in melting, fluxing and toughening old bullion deposited with a view of adopting some measures that will make unnecessary the repeated melting at the Philadelphia Mint on account of brittleness of fine bars received from the Denver Mint.

You will give the Assayer in Charge and the Melter such instructions as you may think necessary to secure greater ductility in the fine old bars, deposited and shipped to the Mint at Philadelphia.

After you have completed the duties assigned you at Denver, you will please proceed to the Mint at New Orleans to confer with Gen. F. A. Vanderlip, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (who will meet you there) in regard to adopting measures that will increase the

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the efficiency of that institution. When you have completed these
duties, you will submit a report in writing, giving the results of your
examination at both institutions.

While engaged in this service, you will be allowed your
necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, upon rendering an account
of the same to this Bureau, accompanied by proper vouchers.

Respectfully yours,



George Roberts
Director of the Mint.

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